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1 AN ACT relating to Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔ Section 1. KRS 164.7879 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Kentucky educational excellence scholarship awards shall be based upon an  
5 established base scholarship amount and an eligible high school student's grade  
6 point average. The base scholarship amount for students attaining a grade point  
7 average of at least 2.5 for the 1998-1999 academic year shall be as follows:

8	GPA	Amount	GPA	Amount
9	2.50	\$125.00	3.30	\$325.00
10	2.60	\$150.00	3.40	\$350.00
11	2.70	\$175.00	3.50	\$375.00
12	2.75	\$187.00	3.60	\$400.00
13	2.80	\$200.00	3.70	\$425.00
14	2.90	\$225.00	3.75	\$437.00
15	3.00	\$250.00	3.80	\$450.00
16	3.10	\$275.00	3.90	\$475.00
17	3.20	\$300.00	4.00	\$500.00
18	3.25	\$312.00		

19 The authority shall review the base amount of the Kentucky educational excellence  
20 scholarship each academic year and may promulgate an administrative regulation to  
21 make adjustments after considering the availability of funds.

22 (2) (a) The authority shall commit to provide to each eligible high school student the  
23 base amount of the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship for each  
24 academic year of high school study in the Kentucky educational excellence  
25 scholarship curriculum that the high school student has attained at least a 2.5  
26 grade point average. The award shall be based upon the eligible high school  
27 student's grade point average at the close of each academic year. An award

1       attributable to a past academic year shall not be increased after the award has  
2       been earned by an eligible high school student, regardless of any subsequent  
3       increases made to the base amount of the Kentucky educational excellence  
4       scholarship through the promulgation of an administrative regulation by the  
5       authority.

6       (b) Notwithstanding the definitions of "eligible high school student" and "high  
7       school" in KRS 164.7874, any high school student who maintains Kentucky  
8       residency and completes the academic courses that are required for a  
9       Kentucky educational excellence scholarship while participating in an  
10      approved educational high school foreign exchange program or participating  
11      in the United States Congressional Page School may apply his or her grade  
12      point average for that academic year toward the base as described in paragraph  
13      (a) of this subsection. The grade point average shall be reported by the  
14      student's Kentucky home high school, based on an official transcript from the  
15      school that the student attended during the out-of-state educational experience.  
16      The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations that describe the  
17      approval process for the educational exchange programs that qualify under  
18      this paragraph. The provisions in this paragraph shall likewise apply to any  
19      Kentucky high school student who participated in an approved educational  
20      exchange program or in a Congressional Page School since the 1998-99  
21      school year and maintained his or her Kentucky residency throughout.

22      (c) 1. Notwithstanding the definitions of "eligible high school student" and  
23             "high school" in KRS 164.7874 and the requirement that a student  
24             graduate from a Kentucky high school, a high school student who  
25             completes the KEES curriculum while attending an accredited out-of-  
26             state high school or Department of Defense school may apply the grade  
27             point average for any applicable academic year toward the base as

described in paragraph (a) of this subsection and shall also qualify for a supplemental award under subsection (3) of this section when:

- a. His or her custodial parent or guardian is in active service of the Armed Forces of the United States; and
- b. The custodial parent or guardian maintained Kentucky as the home of record at the time the student attended an accredited out-of-state high school or a Department of Defense school.

2. The student or parent shall arrange for the out-of-state school to report the student's grade point average each academic year and the student's highest ACT score to the authority as required under KRS 164.7885. The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations implementing the requirements in this paragraph, including:

- a. The documentation that the parent shall submit to the authority establishing the student's eligibility for the scholarship; and
- b. The assurances that an out-of state institution shall submit to the authority for submission of the student grade point average.

3. The provisions in this paragraph shall apply to the 2001-2002 school year and thereafter.

(d) Beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, a student who meets the Kentucky core academic standards for high school graduation established in administrative regulation and graduates after completing three (3) years of high school shall receive a Kentucky educational excellence scholarship award equivalent to completing high school in four (4) years. The award shall be determined by dividing the total actual KEES scholarship earned under subsection (1) of this section by three (3) and multiplying that number by four (4). The resulting number shall be the annual award the student is eligible for under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) (a) The authority shall commit to provide to each eligible high school student graduating from high school before June 30, 1999, and achieving a score of at least 15 on the American College Test, a supplemental award for the award period beginning in the fall of 1999, based on the eligible high school student's highest ACT score attained by the date of graduation from high school. The amount of the supplemental award shall be determined as follows:

ACT	Annual	ACT	Annual
Score	Bonus	Score	Bonus
15	\$21	22	\$171
16	\$43	23	\$193
17	\$64	24	\$214
18	\$86	25	\$236
19	\$107	26	\$257
20	\$129	27	\$279
21	\$150	28 or above	\$300

Subsequent supplemental awards for eligible high school students graduating before June 30, 1999, shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(b) The authority shall commit to provide to each eligible high school student upon achievement after June 30, 1999, of an ACT score of at least 15 on the American College Test a supplemental award based on the eligible high school student's highest ACT score attained by the date of graduation from high school. The amount of the supplemental award shall be determined as follows:

ACT	ACT
Score	Score
15	22
\$36	\$286

1	16	\$71	23	\$321
2	17	\$107	24	\$357
3	18	\$143	25	\$393
4	19	\$179	26	\$428
5	20	\$214	27	\$464
6	21	\$250	28 and above	\$500

7 The authority shall review the base amount of the supplemental award  
8 beginning with the 2001-2002 academic year and each academic year  
9 thereafter and may promulgate an administrative regulation to make  
10 adjustments after considering the availability of funds.

11 (c) Beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year, the authority shall commit to  
12 provide a supplemental award for achievement on examinations for Advanced  
13 Placement or International Baccalaureate as defined in KRS 158.007 to an  
14 eligible high school student whose family was eligible for free or reduced-  
15 price lunch for any year during high school enrollment.

- 16 1. The supplemental award for AP examination scores are as follows:
  - 17 a. Two hundred dollars (\$200) for each score of three (3);
  - 18 b. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each score of four (4); and
  - 19 c. Three hundred dollars (\$300) for each score of five (5).
- 20 2. The supplemental award for IB examination scores are as follows:
  - 21 a. Two hundred dollars (\$200) for each score of five (5);
  - 22 b. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each score of six (6); and
  - 23 c. Three hundred dollars (\$300) for each score of seven (7).

24 (d) The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing the  
25 eligibility criteria and procedures for making a supplemental award to  
26 Kentucky residents who are citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the  
27 United States and who graduate from a nonpublic secondary school not

1 certified by the Kentucky Board of Education and Kentucky residents who are  
2 citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States and who obtain  
3 a General Educational Development (GED) diploma within five (5) years of  
4 their high school graduating class, and students under subsection (2)(c) of this  
5 section who do not attend an accredited high school.

  
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President of Senate

  
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Speaker, House of Representatives

Attest:   
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Chief Clerk of Senate

Approved   
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Governor

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